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Officers who draw pay in the scales fixed for Civil Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons and who do teaching work draw teaching allowances as follows:—

Indian Medical Service Officers.	Major Professors.	250 (added to pay).
Do.	Minor Professors.	200 (special pay).
Provincial Service.	Civil Surgeons ...	150 (do.).
Do.	Assistant Surgeons employed as Assistant Professors.	125 (including Presidency allowance of Rs. 50).

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU:—"Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state why the lecturer in Dental surgery has not been given that allowance?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I do not find anything in the question with reference to this officer."

Proposals of the Surgeon-General regarding appointments.

* 1764 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) in how many cases the proposals of the Surgeon-General regarding appointments have been turned down within the last 12 months; and
- (b) in how many of these cases he was given an opportunity to represent his case to His Excellency the Governor over the head of the hon. Minister?

A.—(a) Proposals relating to appointments are confidential and cannot be divulged.

(b) The Surgeon-General's recommendations are in all cases submitted to His Excellency the Governor.

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU:—"My question was, in how many of these cases, he was given an opportunity to represent his case to His Excellency the Governor over the head of the Minister, but the answer states 'The Surgeon-General's recommendations are in all cases submitted to His Excellency the Governor'. May I say that my question is not answered? Will he answer it now, Sir?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The answer is that every case of recommendation when it comes, goes to the Governor and so, there is no question of going over the head of the Minister."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know whether none of the Surgeon-General's recommendation has ever been turned down during the last 12 months?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"As soon as the Surgeon-General sends his recommendation, it is at once submitted to His Excellency. To that extent, information could be divulged to hon. Members of this House."

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know how the hon. Minister is deciding whether a particular case deserves grant or not ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ On the work it is doing and on the report of the activities of the dispensary I get.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know who gives the report ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ The Government have various sources of getting information.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know whether there is a condition attached that some persons at least should get admission though they may not pay for it, and whether otherwise these grants will be withheld ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ These grants are given only to deserving cases, and if on any account, Government think any institution does not deserve the grant, it will be withheld.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know whether Government have any objection to give grants if dispensaries undertake to run free, and if their aims are legitimate ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ That is a hypothetical question.”

Prevalence of smallpox in Madras City.

* 1770 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) when the present smallpox epidemic broke out in the Madras City ;

(b) the number of attacks and deaths that have taken place so far ;

(c) how many of these were children and adults respectively and whether the children had all been vaccinated and the adults revaccinated ; and

(d) whether the Government have got these statistics examined with a view to find out how far vaccination affords protection against smallpox ?

A.—(a) Early in January 1930.

(b) Attacks ... 351
Deaths ... 60

(from the 1st January 1930 to 20th March 1930).

(c) A statement ^a is annexed.

(d) No.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ Sir, it is stated here that the epidemic smallpox broke out early in January 1930. May I know whether the Minister is not aware that it has been in the city for the last ten months ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ Government got the information on inquiry that it broke out early in January 1930, and they have nothing else to add.”

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ I find from the statistics supplied that there are a number of children who died of smallpox even though they are vaccinated. May I know whether those deaths were verified ? ”